

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)
Subject: [186] "QRPP", June, '96 issue
Message-ID: <199606291556.IAA07628@dfw-ix5.ix.netcom.com>

Thanks Doug for saying those kind words about our (WB5LYJ & I) #1 Son, KB5OME, Jason. Doug, thanks to You & Jim Cates for the positive effort, that You both bring to the QRP part of the hobby. You had attracted some excellent talent (N6KR, WA6OWR, K5FO, VE7QK, WU7F, W6EMD, NA5N, et al) to this Club's Journal.

Just to correct a mistake, that I (yeah, first one in my Life) had made, when You receive Your' June, '96 "QRPP", page 78, top photo, that is Chuck-K5FO (left), Tom-WB5QYT (center) & Gary-K8BI (right). I do understand that this is genetically impossible for Chuck to be on the left (Political humor), my apologies Chuck-K5FO. Now, the far bottom right photo, same page, that is WB5QYT-Tom (left), K5QQ's XYL-Peg, K5QQ (right), K5FO towering above them (behind). The picture, on top of page 79, gets my vote for the best situation photo op. "Rattlesnake next to the Wilderness NorCal 40 Xcvr", from the Arizona scQRPions. Ah, come on Guys, You have N7RAT (TriARC FD Callsign); who is this guest op ? N7REP ;-) (Hint: KD6VIO should obtain a copy of this particular photo for "Wilderness Radio"). Hmmm, I wonder if the Coor's Beer Commercial had stolen this idea from the Arizona scQRPions ?

72...Jay, WA5WHN

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: clifton w sikes <csikes@brightok.net>
Subject: [206] 30m Explorer II
Message-ID: <199606300351.WAA28565@sooner.brightok.net>

Hello to all; I just compleated my new 30m Explorer II from the last group buy. This is my fourth kit from Oak Hills, and I am a very satisfied customer. I did have a little trouble with this one; no rf out. A call to Dick put me on the track of a bad final transistor. After replaceing that, and a little tweaking, it came up to 1.9 watts. I can live with that. My thirld contact with the rig was DJ9IE. What a hoot! This is really living. I hope all of you have as much fun out of qrp as I do. 73, Clif

Clifton W. Sikes
AB5UA

QRP ARCI # 9058
QRP-L # 478
ARRL

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: jgann@mindspring.com (Alvin G. Gann)
Subject: [193] Dummy load
Message-ID: <199606291917.PAA26199@borg.mindspring.com>

Sometime ago there was a thread on dummy loads. I have run a couple of experiments and think that I have found a very good load that can be constructed from Radio Shack parts and that should be a fine QRP dummy load.

I tested my dummy loads made from carbon composition resistors many years ago and found that they had changed value considerably. This new load is made from stock RS metal-film resistors, has a 8 watt nominal dissipation and a very low reflection coefficient.

The blow-by-blow construction details are too long for the list, but if anyone is interested I can e-mail it to you. Send me an e-mail and I'll return a copy.

Thanks for the bandwidth.

72 --Jerry W1UI

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Art Searle <asearle@netusa.net>
Subject: [203] DX on 30 meters
Message-ID: <31D618C9.6FC4@netusa.net>

Hi Gang,

So far, what a weekend on 30 meters. (up to Sat nite)

HK0ER, Juan, San Andres on friday evening. He had tremendous pile-ups and worked very slowly. He didn't want contest style QSOs. He sent name and QTH with each contact and demanded same. I really thought I had no chance, the pile-up was so big and the pace so slow. Juan would seem to leave the radio during the long calling periods only to come back and QRZ again. He was working simplex. I kept searching for clear spots just below his frequency. I was amazed by the power of QRP when I worked him .15 KHzs below his frequency after an hour of trying.

D2/UR5TY, Angola on Saturday evening. He also had a tremendous pile-up. He was predominantly working simplex with occasional excursion up a little. He had a poor fist (bug, I think) but he worked pretty fast. I tried for just under an hour before he quit. I didn't get this one.

XE3AJM, Jose, Mexico on Saturday evening. I know it's not rare, but I had to admire his stick-tuitiveness. He was obviously new to CW at about 8 wpm. He called CQ and I answered. He got my call first as U2A?, then WU2A? and finally WU2K. He even got my name. He gave me an RST 419 QRN, QRM (QSK; I heard him chase the QRMer who I couldn't hear). I didn't tell Jose that I was QRP, though I usually do announce it. He asked my "pw". I told him 5w. This contact was easy for me but not for Jose. Nice job, Jose.

5N3/SP5XAR, Nigeria on Saturday night. Simplex again and the biggest pile-up this weekend. Another slopy fist but very fast. The pile-up was so big I gave up after 20 minutes and made a QRO 100 watt QSO (Actually just prior to the XE3AJM QSO). Tuning back later, I found the pile-up much smaller, reasonable even. So I started looking for clear spots and calling, this time signing WU2K/QRP to differentiate between my QRO QSO. After only a couple of calls I made it. He came back to QRP? I sent my call twice. He was silent. I sent my call twice again and success, he sent "Congrats QRP". I guess he was also surprized by the power of QRP. Nigeria in the log with 5 watts.

.....And I still have Sunday left and no Winston Cup race to distract me.

72, de Art WU2K

WU2K TMPS 1996 Qs=045 States=0 Confirmed=0 DX=037
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ER,ES,EU,F,G,GM,HA,HC,HI,HK0S
I,KP4,LA,LU,LZ,OK,OM,ON,OZ,SP
UR,VE,XE,YO,YU,Z3,ZF

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72,73, de Art Searle, WU2K, Long Is., NY, ARRL Life Member
QRP-L #524, QRP ARCI #9123, NorCal pending, DXCC MX & CW HR
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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Thom <thom@li.net>
Subject: [194] FAR Circuit boards
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960629151815.3726A-100000@linet01>

Hi and thanks for your help,

Does anyone know if FAR Radio Circuits (?) has an e-mail address?

I've looked at their listing at the FTP site and it seems as they have not posted a new listing of their boards lately.

Specifically I'm looking for a PC board for the frequency marker shown in the March 1995 issue of 73 magazine

Tnx for your help
Tom Mc Culloch
WB2QDG

thom@li.net

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: bkassel@enet.net (Brian Kassel)
Subject: [189] FD 96/mobile Report (Long)
Message-ID: <199606291734.KAA08320@maple.enet.net>

Since most of the locations on the AZ mountains were closed due to fire danger this year, I decided to accompany my XYL to SD where she had planned a family visit. Since we decided to drive there and back it seemed like a great time to give QRP mobile a serious try.

I picked up a Hustler 30M resonator and Hamsticks for 20M and 40M, and a triangular Mag mount. I plopped the mount in the center of the roof of my XYL's Crown Victoria, figuring that any other location would not provide the best ground plane effect that I would need for mobile QRP operation. I already had Hustler resonators for 80M, 40M, 20M, 15M and 10M. The resonators that covered the same bands as the two hamsticks would provide backup just in case the antenna married a tree limb on the 3000 mile round-trip.

I built up the 2 LED SWR meter that appeared in the June 1995 QST, Page 40. I used a very small (1.25" X 2.25" X 1.0") Pomona box that had chassis mounted BNC's on each end,. 1 male, the other female. Using the "dead bug" technique I was able to not only squeeze in the original circuit, but a 4

position DIP switch that allowed switching in 4 different resistors so as to allow easy selection of 4 QRP power ranges for use with other rigs. The unit simply connects directly to the rig's antenna connector, the coax then connects to the unit. If a right angle adapter is used, the unit's front with the LED's will face the operator.

I also built a battery charger of my own design that would charge my 2 sealed lead acid batteries from either the car battery or from a 500 ma 15V wall charger, automatically shutting down after a pre-adjusted battery voltage was reached. It was built into a (of course) Altoid's box.

Lastly I built up a microphone preamp/conditioner from the circuit featured in "QRP Quarterly" April 1996, page 12. I was able to mount everything on a small RS PCB and mount the board on the inside rear of the QRP+ enclosure.

Since my wife wanted to drive (hrmpff!), I brought along my ancient MFJ model MFJ-496 CW keyboard. to use in the mobile. On the way up I worked 30 stations, all on CW, with 11 of those stations QRP as well.!

Several op's mentioned that had read my message on the QRP-L concerning the trip.

One even was kind enough to post a message on QRP-L to my fellow ScQRPions concerning my status! Thanks Jay, WA5WHN!

All QSO's were made while I was in motion, on 40M, mostly 30M and some 20M. Upon arrival it appeared that it would be difficult to get any sort of reasonable antenna up at the apartment where we stayed, so I didn't get on during that time. I did however run over to Watertown, SD to Burghardt's Ham supply and picked a used Timewave DSP-59+ DSP filter. I played with it and in 5 minutes realized that what users had been saying was true, it is amazing how signals pop out of the noise. For weak signal work, this thing is worth it's weight in gold!

I was able to get a small cabin for the FD weekend on the shore of Cottonwood lake about 12 mile SW of Redfield, SD. I had read all of those great Delta loop messages on the QRP-L and decided that an 80M Horizontal loop would be what I needed for close-in U.S. FD operation. Using my slingshot, 3/4 ounce weights and 10 LB line, I was easily able to get up the antenna mostly about at the 35 foot level. I laid out the design so that the feedpoint was as close to the operating position as possible, and used 450 ohm ladderline. The antenna itself was made from insulated solid # 18 wire. Each of the corners was tied off with lacing twine in a knot that allowed the antenna to slip.

I used my ancient 8080 Sharp laptop along with a home-brew interface and the "almost free" software that was offered by Stephen Stuntz, N0BF, on the QRP-L a few weeks ago.

As the FD gun went off I began on 20M, which was quite slow going for the first 90 minutes or so - typical it seems every year. I switched to 40 and the QSO rate really took off. The FD software did a great job, as it is written in assembly language it really runs fast, even on an ancient machine. In the evening severe thunderstorms developed. My XYL volunteered to count the seconds between lightening flashes and the thunderclaps. When they got to 3 seconds I disconnected the feedline, went out on the porch and watched Mother Nature do her thing. I sure was glad that I had done the diode front end modification to the QRP +, even though the antenna is a DC short. After about 30 minutes I was back on the air once more. The thunderstorms continued around us, but were carefully monitored to ensure that they weren't close enough to be dangerous. The static made copy on 40M difficult, and impossible on 80M.

The DSP unit really helped with the static, even though lightening crashes are fairly "non-correlated", this unit helped quite a bit.

I worked until 3:00 A.M. when the lightening crashes and propagation pretty well played out 40 for new stations. I slept for 5 hours, got up again and called it all done when the 24th hour came.

All in all I did 196 stations with 5 watts., all CW, on 40M and 20M.

My 2 year old Australian Terrier netted 2 garter snakes, a baby rabbit and pocket gopher.

The 3 day trip home netted me another 10 QSO's . Again on removing mobile noises produced by other vehicles, as well as our own, the DSP 59+ really shined. I only operated for 1 day because somehow I picked up a terrific double eye infection and really couldn't see even to operate. That is the main reason for this somewhat late FD report. I'm doing much better now after a few visits to the Doctor., antibiotics, etc. The scientific name for this malady is "bacteria from hell". I came up with the name.

Lessons Learned:

- 1.) QRP mobile really does work if you pay attention to the details, it even works quite nicely QRP to QRP! Don't believe the skeptics.
- 2.) I detected little difference in performance between the Hamstciks and the Hustler antennas.
- 3.) Use some type of memory keyer to allow automated CQ's.
- 4) 30M is an excellent mobile CW band.
- 5.) If one tailor makes the antenna to the surroundings, things go a lot easier.
- 6.) The horizontal loop works just as well as advertised, it's an excellent overall FD performer, cheap and easy.
- 7) The 3 rules of a successful and fun FD , especially for QRP operation are:
 - a.) Preparation

- b.) Preparation
- c.) Preparation

If anyone has specific questions or comments concerning the projects that I built, please E-MAIL me, unless you feel that the whole group can benefit.

And now to QSL all of those "need SD" requests...

I wonder if that cabin will be available for the November SS, Hmm...

C'mon sunspots!

Thanks for the bandwidth.

Brian W5VB0

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*          Brian D. Kassel W5VB0          *
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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: pelt@vt.edu (Randy Pelt)
Subject: [180] FS Parts- N5INZ
Message-ID: <199606291435.KAA22680@sable.cc.vt.edu>

For those of you who havn't bought anything from John Andrews, you are missing out. I've made two orders so far and have gotten some quality stuff. I also might add that John graciously throws in a lot more stuff than you order which is a nice surprise. If you are thinking about it, go for it! You snooz, you lose.

Usual disclaimer applies...no connection with....etc,etc,etc.

72

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: sholla@panasonic.atlanta.com (Holland, Steve)
Subject: [183] G-QRP
Message-ID: <1996Jun29.110100.1619.32214@ntserver.panasonic.atlanta.com>

Just a correction on the contact for G-QRP club pulled off the net last week. For the USA contact Mike Kilgore, KG5F, 2046 Ash Will Road, Carrollton, Tx 75007, USA (\$12.00 per year.) 73 de N9HXX/4

Steve N9HXX/4
sholla@panasonic.atlanta.com
QRP-L # 555

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)
Subject: [192] HF/VHF/UHF xcvr control via the I_net
Message-ID: <199606291913.MAA14116@dfw-ix3.ix.netcom.com>

Dear Fellow QRP Enthusists,

With the advent of the new wonder radios (IC-725/735/706, and associated Kenwood's & Yaesu's), computer control of these radios has become very easy. We currently have an Icom IC-725 remoted into a UHF repeater locally. So, if You are out driving around on 440 MHz, You can check into nets, or listen to the local ARES/Traffic Nets, around the State, or chase DX. Nothing new here, however, how about remote control, over the Internet (some site authentication software/firmware maybe necessary). For example; diversity reception could take on an entirely different meaning. There are several sites (URL's) that do allow You to listen in today, but I am talking about 100% xcvr control, via the internet. Again, as an example; let's say that AB7PF (sorry Steve) in Phoenix has his new Kenwood TS-XXX on line & tied into his PPP connection, via the internet. Legally, Steve's ID should come from this xcvr (cw), if it's turned on. Let's say that I wish to test my new NorCal XXX xcvr on cw. I command Steve's xcvr to monitor 7.040 MHz, narrower band filter (< 500 Hz) and listen. I send my id , on cw, from Albuquerque, and listen to the digitized audio coming back, from

Phoenix. Hmmm, this would really mess up the Contests, such as Field Day ;-). What class would You be in, if You can command 3 xcvr's, geographically separated by 100's of miles ? (Triple D, sorry, I could not resist.) There is nothing new here in the way of technology. In fact, I would bet that with the site authentication software, You could log in from New England, and regularly check into a NM HF net (3,939 KHz) to pass traffic. This would be expanding an idea that N6KR had originally suggested on the QRP-L. A Chat room, however, let's see what's on 7.040 MHz CW in the East Bay area. A virtual ham shack. Milli-watting would take on a whole different meaning. Heck, I could copy my own beacon ;-). To me, Internet is just another tool. Most of the interfaces could be done in Visual Basic or C++, nothing magical about sending packets, with voice digitized. This could become the next major project between 2 large Clubs, or a few of us playing. I have already done this, BUT, without site authentication code, which means it's open to anyone. However, I can simulate a T-T pad, and transmit tones (Geez, kind of like the old Blue Box, which the Chaps (Woz & Jobs) had terrified AT & T Long Line with, many years ago). Site Authentication, well, we make the IP address a resident ID. Kind of like ISDN.

We currently have some of the best repeater systems, in the Nation (Love them Rocky Mtns.), which are linked from Southern Colorado, to Southern California. Why not have a few remote HF links on line ? We can do this today, but not over the internet. Well, not yet anyway.

Could this mean that next Field Day, we would hear WA5WHN 3D NM/AZ/CO ?

Comments ? Thoughts ?

72...Jay, WA5WHN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: cookes@pop.jaring.my (Siong Teck Cheun @ Joseph)
Subject: [204] ICOM-706 QRP
Message-ID: <199606300329.LAA27721@jaring.my>

Hi Qrpers,

Has any one out there tried IC-706 at 5 watts CW and any comments appreciated.

Siong 9M8ST

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
 From: wdzeares@rockdal.aud.alcatel.com (W. Dennis Zeares)
 Subject: [188] K5FO in KH6 land???
 Message-ID: <9606291730.AA20963@aud.alcatel.com>

Is next week the time when K5FO is in KH6 land????

If so, Dr. Chuck, let us know when your going to be on 30M.

tnx, 72/73, Dennis K3ETS Dallas

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
 From: clifton w sikes <csikes@brightok.net>
 Subject: [178] New Oak Hills Explorer
 Message-ID: <199606291325.IAA09855@sooner.brightok.net>

Hi folks; I just got my new Explorer II from the last group buy on the air.
 What a hoot! I had a little trouble with this one, my third Oak Hills rig. A
 phone call to Dick put me on the track of a bad final transistor. Replaced
 that, did the alignment tonight, and worked Germany on 1.9w. This is a
 blast! I have no connection with Oak Hills, but I am a very devoted
 customer. Everyone have a great week-end. 73, Clif

Clifton W. Sikes
 AB5UA

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: "Mike Rhodes" <weightdn@bright.net>
Subject: [187] Next Group Buy for NorCal 40a or Explorer II??
Message-ID: <199606291725.NAA01255@brutus.bright.net>

If there is a group being organized for another group buy of the Explorer II or for the NorCal 40a, please add me to the list for two (2) units or point me in the right direction to sign up. How often do these group buys tend to happen?

The reviews for the two rigs sound very similar. Anyone out there have experience with both rigs? Pros, Cons, etc. They both sound like really fun rigs.

Thanks de Mike / W8DN

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: thom.lacosta@fido261.qis.net (Thom LaCosta)
Subject: [200] Paddle Preferences
Message-ID: <27e_9606292126@fido261.qis.net>

"Kerry W. Miller" wrote in a message to All:

"WM> From: "Kerry W. Miller" <kmiller@flash.net>

"WM> Subject: Re: Paddle Preferences

"WM> I am using the Bencher paddle and like it a lot, but I used to
"WM> have a set of Brown Bros. paddles with the red handles. It seemed
"WM> to be more flexible (adjustment-wise) and more durable - maybe a
"WM> concern if your cat will be hanging out in the shack much. I even
"WM> used them mobile some and they survived it. Alas, I left them in
"WM> Mexico in '85. . . .

"WM> Somebody made a copy of the Brown Bros. paddles, but I can't
"WM> remember who it was.

I have a set of Brown Brothers...and wouldn't part with them for anything....I have been tempted to 'reproduce' them...but if you know who did/does...then there doesn't seem to be a reason to re-invent the wheel.

Thom LaCosta
K3HRN

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Dick Schneider <74602.3317@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: [191] QRP EQUIP DIRECTORY STILL AVAILABLE
Message-ID: <960629185343_74602.3317_EHH35-1@CompuServe.COM>

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72 Dick/AB0CD..

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: clifton w sikes <csikes@brightok.net>
Subject: [184] QRP Quarterly?
Message-ID: <199606291505.KAA11090@sooner.brightok.net>

Good morning all; I'm a new member of QRP-ARCI and am curious about when the next quarterly comes out. I got the April issue. Is the next one June or

July? Thanks for any help. 73, Clif

Clifton W. Sikes

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996

From: WD6BOR@aol.com

Subject: [196] Special Event Station N6S

Message-ID: <960629163745_424369931@emout09.mail.aol.com>

Special Event Station N6S commemorating the Bear Flag Revolt establishing the California Republic here in Sonoma, California in 1846 is now operating until July 9th. In fact, Mike, WB6TMH is on the air right now and just worked another QRP station, so I thought I would post this for any QRPers who would like to collect a very nice QSL card.

Frequency information is in the June issue of QST along with QSL information. We're on 20 meters right now at about 14.270 and will probably move to 40 meters at about 7.245 later today.

Other members of the club will operate the special call N6S, November Six Sonoma (sierra) through the rest of the time until July 9th. QSL cards will be printed and mailed about a month after the end of the event, so if you work us, send your SASE to QSL manager Ken, N6KM, and we'll get your commemorative card out then.

Good luck, and hope to see you on the air,

72/73, Darrel, WD6BOR

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From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996

From: Hank Kohl <k8dd@tir.com>

Subject: [205] Thirty meters

Message-ID: <199606300334.XAA25693@tir.com>

Thirty was great tonight....Between 0239 and 0251, after the local MI Traffic Net on 80 CW, I checked out 30 after I saw a spot for CY0AA on 10118. Worked the CY0 on the second call with 5 watts to a HF6V that is leaning about 30 degrees to the north off of vertical. Then cruised down the band and picked up U5WF and a little later OEM5RI.

As has been said on here - 30M is a GREAT band!

73 Hank

*/ Hank Kohl K8DD k8dd@tir.com
*/ MI-QRP QRP-ARCI G-QRP NorCal
*/ ARRL/LM QCWA/LM QCAO/LM

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: "richard wilkerson" <richqrp@msn.com>
Subject: [175] website
Message-ID: <UPMAIL07.199606290429410446@msn.com>

Please give..http://www.fix.net/~jparker/website1.html
A all rolled into one site...72's rich wd6fdd

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: sholla@panasonic.atlanta.com (Holland, Steve)
Subject: [177] RE: Antenna Help
Message-ID: <1996Jun29.061700.1619.32191@ntserver.panasonic.atlanta.com>

If you are a member of the ARRL they have an archive that you can ask for articles like this. In the QST there should be a directory for the office and if you have internet access you can go to their home page. 73 de N9HXX/4

Steve N9HXX/4
sholla@panasonic.atlanta.com
QRP-L # 555

From: ke1ex[SMTP:ke1ex@ids.net]
Sent: June 28 1996 18:15
Subject: Antenna Help

Being a newcomer to QPRng I am seeking some help and/or advise regarding antenna selection for foreign travel (I travel real light).

In looking over the publication "Setting up a low profile station..." I came across an antenna that seems to fit the bill for me. However, I have to get a QST

for
June 1967
to get a description of it. It is a short vertical that can be mounted
on a
windowsill and
was described by WI1CP, Lew McCoy in that issue.

Anyone who keeps QST's I would appreciate a copy of the entire article
and
am more
than willing to pay photocopy, mailing and any other expenses you might
incur.

If anyone has any ideas on antennas that are real portable and 'small' ,
please feel free to pass them on -- I need all the help I can get.

Looking
at 5W max.

Thanks and 73
Laurent

Home QTH 150 Knollwood Circle, N. Kingstown, RI 02852-2823

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Charlie Rubenstein <rubenc@iglou.com>
Subject: [207] Re: ICOM-706 QRP
Message-ID: <31D5F8D5.27B1@iglou.com>

Siong Teck Cheun @ Joseph wrote:

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> Hi Qrpers,
>
> Has any one out there tried IC-706 at 5 watts CW and any comments appreciated.
>
> Siong 9M8ST

Siong,

I have had an IC-796 for about 6 months now and run it 90%
of the time at 5 watts or less. Works great. Almost as much fun as

my Norcal 40A, hi hi. Not very efficient for battery power, but the RX is nice and except for the lack of decent qsk, its a real nice rig.

Charlie KB8BWE/QRP

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Art Searle <asearle@netusa.net>
Subject: [179] Re: K5F0 mic sighting
Message-ID: <31D55B08.202C@netusa.net>

cleve e. massey wrote:

>

> I couldn't make FD with the Nortex gang but Chuck with mic in hand is not
> like rare DX... ^ ^

>

Maybe the reason K5F0 doesn't like SSB is because to "Chuck with mic" violates FCC rules.

72, de Art WU2K

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VE,YO,YU,Z3,ZF

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72,73, de Art Searle, WU2K, Long Is., NY, ARRL Life Member
QRP-L #524, QRP ARCI #9123, NorCal pending, DXCC MX & CW HR
NRA Benefactor Life Member, NMLRA Life Member, AMA Life Member
NRA Certified Firearms Instructor, Dale Earnhardt Fan Club

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: ke1ex@ids.net (Laurent C. Lafond)
Subject: [182] Re my request 'Antenna Help'
Message-ID: <199606291457.KAA138773@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Being a newcomer to QPRng I am seeking some help and/or advise regarding antenna selection for foreign travel (I travel real light).

That was my message to the group and the response has been overwhelming. As far as I am concerned, anyway.

Thanks and a tip o' the hat to Keith WB2VU0, Harry KG5L0, Steve N9HXX/4,

Bruce W6TOY/3 and JCoote, don't know call.

Guess the one to try will be the stealth and there was a tuner for it (Ibelieve) in the June '95 issue of QST. I have them on CD-ROM and as soon as I learn how to print out the page without getting the whole issue, I'll be in business.

On a new subject, Paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca really gave a good rundown on paddles, which I am also looking for.

Paul, please define a 'WBL' and would they be good for travel?

Thanks and 73

Laurent

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: "Kerry W. Miller" <kmiller@flash.net>
Subject: [197] Re: Paddle Preferences
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19960629204013.0068e010@pop.flash.net>

I am using the Bencher paddle and like it a lot, but I used to have a set of Brown Bros. paddles with the red handles. It seemed to be more flexible (adjustment-wise) and more durable - maybe a concern if your cat will be hanging out in the shack much. I even used them mobile some and they survived it. Alas, I left them in Mexico in '85. . . .

Somebody made a copy of the Brown Bros. paddles, but I can't remember who it was. As I remember, the copy was almost as good as the original. I've tried the "Brass Racer", but the action feels all wrong to me. The farther you get from the contact, the less tension there is. It works fine, just not what I'm used to. Prettier than the Bencher, tho!

73,

Kerry

Kerry W. Miller
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Royse City, TX 75189
will sell.

kmiller@flash.net

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A superior man understands what is

An inferior man understands what

(Confucius)

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Paul Erickson <paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca>
Subject: [176] Re: Paddles
Message-ID: <9606290607.AA17773@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca>

>
> Since QRP operators tend to be CW operators of the highest order, (Plump
> those feathers, now!) I have a question . . .

While I am definately not one of the "highest order" more of an also ran.
I will venture an opinion.

>
> What is the favorite choice among you for CW paddles. I'm not talking
> extra-light backpacking gear . . . just your favorite iambic paddle.

I currently own a Bencher BY-1 a Bencher BY-2, a Kent and a WBL.

>
> Do you like the Bencher with its springs? The Vibroplex with its magnets?
> Or maybe something a little more esoteric, like the British made Kent?

When I started to use an iambic keyer, I started with a bencher and got
used to the lighter touch. From strictly operational point of view, my
number 1 choice would be the WBL. The touch is wonderful and is by far
the most adjustable of the lot. The Cocobolo paddles have a wonderful
feel (I'm hoping to be able to make a pair for my Kent's) however I would
be a little reluctant to pack them in a suitcase for travel. From a
ruggedness point of view I would go with the Kents. Their touch can
be adjusted to your taste but they cannot be adjusted for position like
the WBL's.> The WBL's definately raised my upper sending speed limit.
(nowhere near Chuck's but around 35wpm, now if I could only ragchew that fast)

Hope this helps, I'd be interested in hearing other's impressions.

> My reason for asking? Lorna, the ham shack cat, managed to knock my
> favorite Bencher paddle off the table, and when it hit, it bent into a
> terrible mess . . . tried to straighten it out, but it's like a car with
> a bent frame . . . it'll work okay, but goes a bit sideways down the
> road.

>
> So now I'm going to replace it, and would like some scholarly advice!
> Which I'm sure I'll read and then go buy what I want to anyway.

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> Thanks!

>
> 73 de Rick, WQ8Q

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>

cheers, Paul

ve7cqq

email: paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996

From: NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu

Subject: [185] Re: Paddles

Message-ID: <01I6H8051HYK8Y7CKT@nova.wright.edu>

Hah! Rick WQ8Q wants scholarly advice about paddles, does he?

Well, let's deconstruct the entire paddle question. To wit(less):

Commenting on Ulmer (1988), Jacques Derrida clearly states that "...I've greatly insisted on it elsewhere, Mallarme, Ponge, but that's really what I was talking about, the point detached and retained at the same time, false, not false but simulated...(1992, p. 72) sending of the message signifies the event in a much greater way than the signifier. Following this to it's clearly clogical ecphrasis, one might easily say, as Sokal (1996) has insisted, that "exposing the emperor's nakedness...(McMillen, 1996, p. A9) permits an even more grave deconstruction of Foucault's paradigm of the athletic field.

All this, of course, means that ways can be found to accomplish the same trace without reverting to Vygotskian formulaics or pre-Proustian metaphores. What is ultimately the coal of this sandwich depends on whether or not one is willing to ask, leta alone the question before the first innings begin. And because of this, as Martindale (1990) has conceptualized the predicament of the purchasing agency represented by the gesture of futility, "stories also overlap with the series of texts from _Poetry_ magazine. Here, the only reasonable way to align the texts is by when they [are] written."

To this end, then, we might agree that the deep structural argument about the colorless green symphacy of Chomsky's original intention has been superceded in a truly Heideggerian sense that refutes the causality of Husserl's perceptivity of framing and distance (1962, p. 232).

Thus, the question becomes one of turning in the screws just enough to make contact with the force motif of each character's singularity as an element of time/space in a way that speaks

directly into the microphone of Plato's watchful student, replicating, then, Nietzsche's statement that "When a real storm cloud thunders above him, he wraps himself in his cloak, and with slow steps he walks from beneath it" (Bizzell & Herzberg 1990, p. 896).

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But if I had my drothers, I'd find one of the old dual-paddle, non-iambic pentameter keyers in a box that Ten Tec used to sell. Best damn keyer and paddle set that I've ever had. And that, in a sense much more atuned to Heisenberg than to Akhbar-el-Yom, means that I will continue to scour the Dayton Hamvention flea-market for signs or significance that might lead me, as Lifton (1993) has assumed, away from the "fluctuating, come in odd places and combinations; are often at a distance; and vary greatly in their intensity and capacity to satisfy the needs of members (103)." So to speak, as it were, here or there, now or at a later date, thusly:

73

Nils

WB8IJN +c

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996

From: Curt Krelic <CKrelic@worldnet.att.net>

Subject: [190] Re: Paddles

Message-ID: <31D56E21.6167@worldnet.att.net>

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> Nils
> WB8IJN +c

You must be bored to death!!!!!!!!!!

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Gary Surrency <gsurrenc@ix.netcom.com>
Subject: [199] Re: Paddles
Message-ID: <31D5D1A5.6A57@ix.netcom.com>

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> Nils
> WB8IJJ +c

HUH??? What has Nils been smoking? :-&

-Gary
AB7MY

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Art Searle <asearle@netusa.net>
Subject: [202] Re: Paddles

Message-ID: <31D61853.4761@netusa.net>

Hi Nils

NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu wrote:

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> But if I had my drothers, I'd find one of the old dual-paddle,
> non-iambic pentameter keyers in a box that Ten Tec used to
> sell.

I Still have both dual paddle types, the one with the keyer and
the one without. And I won't part with them. Sorry!

72, de Art WU2K

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@dancris.com>
Subject: [181] RE: QRP RIGS
Message-ID: <199606291444.HAA26767@dancris.com>

At 12:01 AM 6/28/96 -0600, you wrote:

>Ok, Bob...thanks for your thoughts. Been thinking probably I should get
>involved in some organization and then will see some ads and some equipment
>for sale. Which organization would you suggest, and do you have an
>address for them?

>

Obviously this group, for the sheer wealth of information; QRP-ARCI, which
is as operating group and mostly hangs out here, contact Mike Bryce WB8VGE,
225 Mayflower NW, Massilon, OH 44647 (\$12 per year which includes quarterly
newsletter, and make checks payable to Mike, not ARCI); Northern Calif QRP
Club (NorCal), dues \$10.00 per year including a great quarterly newsletter,

contact Jim Cates WA6GER, 3241 Eastwood Rd., Sacramento, CA 95821 (This includes special buys on club kits, etc.). There is also GQRP, the British club, which has a great newsletter as well, dues are \$14.00 sent to John Leak, G0BX0, Flat 7, 56 Heath Crescent, Halifax, HX12PW, England. They of course dwell mostly on European kits and stuff, with some of the most common US ones thrown in, but qrp is qrp anyway.

Colorado, New England, The Northwest region, New Jersey, Michigan all have good clubs with lots of 'absent' members who hang out here on the list. You will hear about them from time to time, and I'm sure there are more that I failed to mention (sorry guys, my memory is only so good).

Dont' be leary of building. All of the kits you hear about have been extensively and exhaustively tested by various club members, and reviews are available in the qrp-l archives, as well as on the NorCal home page. The prices are generally very good, and there is lots of advice and assistance available if you run into a snag. Can't go wrong building your own stuff, and I haven't seen a single kit that has shown up on this list that hasn't been modified/improved in one way or another.

The 'contesting' that goes on is all great fun, and not high pressure at all, as the main thrust seems to be to make 2-way qrp contacts and not to amass points (I don't care how much bragging you see), as the emphasis on the reports is how they did what they did first, then what they did secondarily.

So dive right on in. Lurk a lot if that suits you, throw comments out as they seem appropriate, and contribute as much as you feel comfortable with. Even the flame wars are done tongue-in-cheek; all of it constructive. Heck, it's mostly anonymous (sort of) anyway "^).

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: pcw12@ix.netcom.com (Phil Wheeler)
Subject: [201] Re: Second Reminder for the Spartan Sprint on July 1
Message-ID: <199606300254.TAA00810@dfw-ix3.ix.netcom.com>

Russ, what mtn will you be on??

Milestones:

Today: Bought materials for 20 m vertical in Dec 95 QST
Upgraded to Extra (Gen in 1953, Adv in 1977...speed kills!)

Tomorrow:
Seam seal my Stephenson 2-person tent
Start building my Sierra

Not a bad weekend, even if tomorrow stuff does not come to pass!

Phil W7UOX

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: WD6BOR@aol.com
Subject: [195] Re: SW RCVR Kits?
Message-ID: <960629163614_424369907@emout18.mail.aol.com>

In a message dated 96-06-28 11:51:54 EDT, pmeier@tir.com (Pete Meier WK8S) writes:

>
> Does anyone offer a short wave rcvr in kit form that is NOT a regen. ?
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>

Ten Tec has their "Any Band" direct conversion SSB/CW receiver for \$29, Regen 4-Band SWL receiver for \$19.50 and 9-Band Regen SWL receiver for \$59.00. Call them at 1-800-833-7373 to order or at 1-423-453-7172 for information. I've bought from them and built some of their stuff and am very impressed by the completeness and quality.

Darrel, WD6BOR

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Sat Jun 29 23:02:40 1996
From: Jim Stafford-W4Q0 <w4qo@america.net>
Subject: [198] Re: SW RCVR Kits?
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960629194004.13443C-1000000@atl1>

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Richard, KI6SN, has another of his great columns in thi months World Radio magazine and he discusses this very receiver and how it works etc. Quite a bit of detail. Keep up the great job Richard.

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